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In re Application of :  
Geoffrey Lee McCabe : Examiner Lockett  
Application No. *WRONG S.N.* :  
~~09/760,908~~ : Art Unit 2837  
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

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May 20, 2003, filed in response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2003, please amend the above entitled application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Cancel the prior Abstract of Disclosure.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Cancel Claims 1-39.

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Add claims:

Claim 40 (new) A stringed musical instrument comprising an elongated neck and body attached to one end of the said neck, a tremolo pivotably mounted on said body, a plurality of strings with a first end and a second end, means on said neck for supporting and forming a first critical point for at least one of said strings, said tremolo including bridge elements forming a support and a second critical point for at least one of said strings, a string anchor means engaging said second end of said at least one of said strings, a base plate, a spring attachment means, counter springs with a first end and a second end, said first end of said counter springs connected to